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REFS: A. STATE 22659, B. MOSCOW 752 C. STATE 7707

1. EMBASSY HAS FORWARDED JANUARY LETTER FOR BLAGOV
FORM WARNKE (REF A). COPIES WERE ALSO SENT TO
POCHENKOV, SHEYNDLIN AND MAL'TSEV. PLEASE CLARIFY
WHETHER USDEL HAS SPECIFIC INTERESTS IN TECHNOLOGIES
DISCUSSED IN PARA 5, REFTEL B.

2. DEPUTY MINISTER GERASIMOV HAS REQUESTED STATUS
OF REPLIES TO MINISTRY'S REQUESTS FOR "TEXTS" OF
O'LEARY INTERVIEWS AND MATERIAL ON USG COAL
RESPONSIBILITIES (REF B, PARA 4).

3. POCHENKOV WITH STALLED COOPERATION WITH AMERICAN
FIRM JOY, INC., WHICH HAD VISITED USSR ABOUT
EIGHTEEN MONTHS AGO TO VIEW SOVIET "KM-120"
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COMPLEX FOR HIGH-EFFICIENCY, LONG-WALL EXTRACTION
OF THICK COAL SEAMS. POCHENKOV SAID THAT FIRM'S
REPS SPOKE ENTHUSIASTICALLY ABOUT LICENSING
OPPORTUNITIES, BUT MINISTRY HAD HEARD NOTHING
FROM FIRM SINCE VISIT. POCHENKOV EXPLAINED THAT
MINISTRY WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE OR
INFORMATION WHICH DOE COULD PROVIDE ON WHETHER

COMPANY HAS FURTHER INTERESTS.

4. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE LEARNING WHETHER U.S. COAL INDUSTRY OR ASSOCIATION REPS WILL ACCOMPANY DELEGATION, AS IS SCHEDULED FOR US GAS DELEGATION IN APRIL.

5. COMMENT: DURING EARLIER MEETING, POCHENKOV EXPLAINED THAT MINISTRY HAD FELT DISAPPOINTMENT WITH SLOW OR NON-EXISTENT RESPONSES FROM AMERICANS DURING 1977, BUT HOPED FOR SUBSTANTIVE COOPERATION STARTING IN 1978. SCICOUNS EXPLAINED THAT U.S. ENERGY SECTOR WAS IN PROCESS OF REORGANIZATION DURING 1977, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DOE AND DEPUTY SECRETARY'S HIGH INTEREST IN MUTUAL BENEFIT IN COOPERATION SHOULD MEAN CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT. WE BELIEVE DOE CAN REINFORCE AND FURTHER THE GOOD IMPRESSIONS CREATED BY WARNKE'S TWO LETTERS (REFS A AND C) BY FORTHCOMING RESPONSES TO THE MINISTRY'S REQUESTS DESCRIBED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE.
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